

implementation due to non-availability of data entry operators in regional languages, difficulties in capturing of photographs and finger biometrics, non-availability of power, validation of individual data for correct spellings of names and other attributes, cumbersome and tedious process of verification of citizenship, weak document base for determining citizenship of individuals in rural areas, specially for agricultural labourers, landless labourers, married females etc.

The experience gained in the implementation of the pilot project will be helpful for making decisions for the national roll-out for the entire country.

Trafficking of women from Assam

787. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the media reports that trafficking of women from Assam is on the rise;
- (b) if so, whether Government are aware of the cases of batches of girls being openly sold in Haryana and Punjab;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps Government have taken to end such practices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) The Government of Assam has informed that certain number of girls of Assam are taken outside the State to other States under the pretext of providing jobs and thereafter their whereabouts are not known. The State Police of Assam have recovered 28 girls during the period from 2003 to August, 2006.

(b) and (c) As per reports of the State Governments, no such case has been reported in Haryana and Punjab.

(d) The Union Government is fully alive to and concerned with the problem of trafficking and is taking several measures, in concert with the State Governments for prevention and control of the crime of trafficking as well as measures for rehabilitation of victims. The Union Government has advised all the State Governments to deal with the crime of trafficking in a holistic manner and to evolve an effective and comprehensive strategy

encompassing rescue, relief and rehabilitation of victims besides taking deterrent action against the traffickers.

Infiltration of terrorists on Rajasthan and Punjab borders

†788. SHRIUDAYPRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the increasing incidence of infiltration by Pakistani terrorists through some border areas of Rajasthan and Punjab; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the measures being taken by Government to stop the infiltration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) During September, 2006, there were two attempts of infiltration to India. However, Border Security Force (BSF) intercepted and killed four militants and apprehended one on the Western border. v

BSF maintain round the clock surveillance of the border and work in close coordination with the State Governments. BSF has also beefed up intelligence network and coordination with other intelligence agencies. The agencies also have their local sources for information gathering. BSF has also been provided modern surveillance equipments including Night Vision Devices.

Terrorist network linked to Colombo

789. SHRIABUASIMAZMI:

SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recent arrest of Pakistani terrorist Mohd. Fahad, alongwith an accomplice, in Mysore has uncloacked the terror network linked to Colombo from where Pakistan's ISI reportedly controls its South India Operations;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.